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1. (Currently amended) An angular notched trowel for uniformly applying a bonding material to a substrate, the angular notched trowel comprising:

(a) a top plate having a leading edge, a trailing edge, an upper surface, and a lower surface;

(b) a notched plate having a top edge, a bottom edge, and two sides, the top edge being connected along and descending from the trailing edge of the top plate, the notched plate forming an angle of about 90 to 135 degrees to the top plate, the bottom edge containing a plurality of notches, the top edge and the bottom edge defining a height, the two sides defining a width, such that during use the bottom edge is dragged across the substrate with the width of the notched plate defining a contacting section on the substrate in front of the notched plate and also defining a spread section on the substrate behind the notched plate;

(c) a handle connected to the upper surface of the top plate; and

(d) a rigid and non-pivoting descending member having a top and a bottom, the top of the descending member being connected to the lower surface of the top plate or to the handle, the bottom of the descending member being centrally located below the top plate, the descending member having a width of less than about one-half inch and having a length about equal to the height of the notched plate such that the notched plate forms an angle to the substrate of about 45 to 90 degrees when the angular notched trowel rests on the substrate with its notched edge and the descending member in contact with the substrate, and such that during use the bottom of the descending member is in the contacting section so that the spread section is substantially free of gaps.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The angular notched trowel of claim 2 1 wherein the notched plate forms an angle to the top plate of about 90 to 135 degrees.

4. (Original) The angular notched trowel of claim 3 wherein the descending member is connected to the lower surface of the top plate directly below the handle.

5. (Original) The angular notched trowel of claim 4 wherein the bottom of the descending member is rounded.

6 to 10. (Cancelled)